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RULE 116 RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of 5/21/2002, Applicants offer the following remarks.

REMARKS

Independent claims

Claim 1 recites a hair-removing device including, *inter alia*, a laser source, an image sensor, and a control unit. The image sensor produces an image of a portion of the skin. The device determines the target position of the laser beam as a function of position and/or orientation on the skin of a hair as determined from the image by the control unit.